



FAMPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015
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Members Present:

Joey Hess, Chair, County of Stafford
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Erik Nelson, City of Fredericksburg
Dan Cole, County of Spotsylvania
Brad Johnson, County of Stafford
Chris Arabia, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) (in at 9:22 a.m.)
Rodney White, Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Diana Utz, George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)
Cynthia Porter-Johnson, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Sonali Soneji, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Others Present:

Dan Grinnell, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) (in at 9:25 a.m.)
Chris Gay, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Rupert Farley, Citizen

Staff Present:

Andy Waple, FAMPO
Marti Donley, FAMPO
Daniel Reese, FAMPO
Lloyd Robinson, FAMPO
JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

CALL TO ORDER

The FAMPO Technical Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

The Technical Committee agenda for February 9, 2015 was approved with one typo-graphical error noted.

APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2015

The Technical Committee minutes from the January 12, 2015 meeting were approved with minor revisions which involved typo-graphical edits.

REVIEW OF FAMPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2015

Mr. Waple advised that the minutes are included in today's packet. Mr. Waple relayed that Resolution No. 15-01, authorizing a call for applications for unallocated FY2015-2016 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) TMA Funds was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Waple stated that discussion items were on the following items: HB2 Update; Proposed Governor's Transportation Package; FY2016-2021 CMAQ/RSTP TMA funds; Germanna-Wilderness Area Plan; & Surplus CMAQ funding from Brooke & Leeland VRE Expansion projects and that summary on each item is included within the minutes in today's agenda packet.

Mr. Waple stated that Member Comments were somewhat extensive and are included in the minute summary in today's agenda packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

- a.) **Resolution No. 15-02, Re-programming Surplus Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) from the Brooke & Leeland VRE Parking Expansion Projects** –
Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that Resolution No. 15-02 is a request to re-allocate \$21,592 of surplus funding remaining from the Brooke & Leeland VRE Parking Expansion project to the FRED Regional Transit agency. The remaining surplus will be utilized by FRED for a shelter at one existing FRED bus stop as well as for benches and trash cans at three other existing stops.

There was unanimous consensus from the Technical Committee to forward Resolution No. 15-02 to the Policy Committee for their endorsement.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a.) **HB2/1887 Update** – Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that the handout from the Governor's Transportation Package presentation given on January 13, 2015 is included in today's agenda packet. Mr. Waple stated that the HB2 stakeholder Outreach Workshop meeting for the Fredericksburg District VDOT office is scheduled for February 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the VDOT district office. Mr. Robinson asked if this meeting was a public hearing format.

Mr. Robinson with VDOT advised that RSVP's are requested so that seating accommodations are adequate; however, it is not an official public hearing format. Mr. Robinson stated that no one

from the public will be turned away; however, the targeted audience is for VDOT staff, government officials, state/local representatives, and MPO/PDC representatives.

Mr. Nelson stated that unfortunately to date, there is not enough information available for anyone to make appropriate or applicable comments. Mr. Nelson stated that this has been the problem from the on-set. Mr. Nelson stated that it is a confusing process and combined with the uncertainties of the actual funding allocations the region will receive makes it hard to comment. Mr. Nelson stated that the workshop meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2015 and then the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will vote on the process in March so there is not a lot of time between the meeting and the vote. Mr. Robinson with VDOT advised that there is no CTB vote in March, they will be presented the draft proposal and the final vote will not occur until June so there will still be time to receive feedback.

Mr. Robinson with FAMPO asked what should be the MPO's next step. Should it focus on revising FAMPO's plan to be more in compliance with the State's proposal? Mr. Waple advised that this region most closely resembles a large urban development area. Mr. Waple stated that staff is continuing to provide input on the data that has been given and that currently FAMPO has submitted amendments for consideration already that ask for definition clarifications, etc. Mr. Waple advised that as more information is received, FAMPO will continue to provide feedback accordingly.

Mr. Waple distributed a handout in regard to the 2040 VTrans Vision & Multimodal Transportation Plan (VMTP). Mr. Waple stated that this was presented at the MPO/PDC planning meeting held on February 4, 2015. Mr. Robinson with FAMPO requested that this item also be included as a discussion item for the upcoming February TAG meeting.

**b.) Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update – Andy Waple and Chris Gay,
Parsons Brinckerhoff**

Mr. Waple advised that the draft Congestion Management Process final report will be available for review on the FAMPO website within the next two weeks. Mr. Waple stated that now the website will be maintained internally and staff has control over the data that gets implemented. Mr. Waple stated that the data is now more accurate and reliable.

Mr. Gay distributed a handout and briefly explained the CMP process. Mr. Gay stated that the CMP addresses the region's CMP corridors; the existing conditions; CMP strategies; and the CMP Interactive Mapping process. Mr. Gay advised that the last CMP was completed in 2010 and this version also includes a new corridor study for Route 301 in King George County.

**c.) Request for Proposals for On-Call Consultants for General Transportation
Planning Services – Andy Waple**

Mr. Waple advised that both of the current on-call consultant proposals for general transportation planning services will expire on June 30, 2015. Mr. Waple stated that the process an Request for Proposals (RFP) for hiring two new firms and/or extending new contracts to existing firms is

beginning. Mr. Waple stated that as in years past, a representative from each locality will be asked to serve on the consultant hiring process. Mr. Waple relayed that this will be presented to the Policy Committee for their review at the upcoming February meeting and will be released after approval at the March 16, 2015 meeting.

d. Rural Transportation Work Program (RTWP) – Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that as there are no representatives in attendance at today's meeting from either Caroline or King George counties that this item will be addressed at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Waple relayed that there are \$58,000 of allocated state funds, with a \$14,500 local match that total \$72,500 that can be used to support the rural areas within the PDC for rural transportation planning. Mr. Waple advised that staff will be available to provide planning assistance to either/both Caroline & King George counties if the services are needed and requested.

e.) Vanpool NTD Update – Diana Utz and Lloyd Robinson

Ms. Utz advised that at the upcoming Policy Committee meeting that Mr. Al Harf with PRTC will be providing an update on the Vanpool NTD program. A copy of Mr. Harf's presentation was distributed to the Technical Committee members.

Ms. Utz stated that the Vanpool NTD program is a program that encompasses Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), PRTC, and GWRC and allows a region to receive additional 5307 funding as a result of reporting vanpool data. Mr. Robinson advised that the cost start-up was \$200,000; \$100,000 of which was invested by FAMPO with the use of CMAQ funding.

Ms. Utz stated that the initial enrollment period was from October-November 2013 and there were 207 vans that enrolled in the NTD data reporting program. The program enrollment continues to increase and we are ahead of the initial enrollment projections. Currently, there are over 400 van pools enrolled and report their data on a monthly basis to NTD. Of those 400 van pools, 51% come from the Fredericksburg region. Mr. Robinson stated that this region will not begin receiving the additional 5307 funds until FY2018 but the program to date has proven to be more successful than initially thought.

Ms. Utz stated that to date, 940,000 passenger trips have been reported to the NTD. This data shows that 5.9 million revenue miles and 41.1 million passenger miles have already been recorded from the data already presented.

f.) FY2016-2021 Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funding Allocations – Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that staff has received two new projects for consideration this year. Mr. Waple stated that he and Mr. Robinson with VDOT would be meeting over the next couple of weeks. Mr. Waple relayed that for these initial updates that staff and VDOT will be using the

numbers from FY2020 to program FY2021 funds until the final figures come from VDOT. These equate to: \$2.5 million dollars in CMAQ funding and \$1.1 million dollars in RSTP funding. Mr. Waple stated that a draft would be presented to the Policy Committee in March for adoption/action in April.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Waple advised that he has spoken to Mr. Rucker with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the draft certification report is being reviewed for final edits and should be distributed soon.

Mr. Waple advised that as a result of member comments from the February Policy Committee meeting that staff was asked to schedule a “brain-storming” project “wish” list discussion. It was requested that this meeting occur at a time apart from the monthly Policy Committee meetings. Mr. Waple stated that he and Ms. Donley are working on scheduling a date for this meeting in late March or early April. Mr. Waple advised that this meeting will be more of a workshop format setting.

Mr. Waple stated that Mr. Donohue will be attending the April Policy Committee meeting to give an updated presentation on HB2.

MEMBER REPORTS

County of Spotsylvania: Mr. Cole advised that construction of the new VRE station in Spotsylvania County is underway; on schedule; & still expected to be completed by early summer of 2015.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT): Mr. Arabia advised that DRPT is in grant application review mode for transit agencies. Mr. Arabia stated that a draft presentation will be given to the CTB in April and that 5303 estimates will be based on last year’s figures at this time.

Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO): Mr. Robinson advised that staff is working on updates to the UPWP. Mr. Robinson stated that draft revisions are included within the model and are based on what other areas are utilizing. Mr. Robinson stated that the UPWP funding is currently \$1.1 million dollars which is the same figure that was allocated last year.

Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED): Mr. White advised that FRED’s transit grant has been submitted to DRPT. Mr. White stated that FRED continues to finalize the real time transit data and it is in the final testing stages. Mr. White stated that preliminary data should be available in late March.

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC): Ms. Utz stated that the annual funding grant for GWRC has been submitted to DRPT. Ms. Utz advised that on February 18th GWRC will be hosting a meeting that will be a planning tool for updates to the 6-Year Focus Group.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT): Mr. Robinson advised that VDOT's time line will be presented to the CTB meeting upcoming next week. Mr. Robinson stated that a definition of benefits and costs from the HB2 process are expected. Upcoming in March, an entire presentation of the HB2 process will be given. In April/May the VDOT District 6-Year Plan will be presented to the CTB with adoption in June.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEXT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 9th, 2015/ADJOURN

The next Technical Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th at 9:00. The Technical Committee meeting for February 09th was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.